(b) what is the number of letters etc. which were acknowledged within 15 days and what is the number of those which have not been replied to finally so far;

(c) what are the reasons for not acknowledging the same within 15 days as also for not sending any final reply within three months; and

(d) what is the number of officers who have been found quality for delaying or not acknowledging the letters etc. or delaying/not sending their final replies and also for misguiding the members of Parliament and what punishment has been awarded to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The number of VIP cases (including references from MPs & Ministers) received in the Ministry of I&B during the six months period from 1-1-92 to 30-6-92 was 1854.

(b) to (d) Acknowledgements are invariably sent within 15 days or receipt of the VIP cases. During the period 1-1-92 to 30-6-92, final replies were sent in respect of 1942 VIP references which related to 763 references pending disposal as on 31-12 91, and 1854 references received during the period 1-1-92 to 30.6.92. As on 30-6-92, there were, in all, 675 cases pending disposal of which 338 references were pending disposal for over 3 months. All out efforts are made to send final replies as expeditiously as possible. However, it has not been possible to dispose of all references within three months as collection of information from the Media Units which, in turn, have to collect the same from their field formations, is at times to mislead the VIPs, there has been no deliberate attempt on the part of any officer to delay acknowledgements/replies or to mislead the VIPs, there has been no case for action against any of the officers.

Prosecution cases by RLC, Dhanbad

3207. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of prosecution proposals sent to Ministry of Labour by the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Dhanbad for approval and have been kept pending as on 1st July, 1992;

(b) the details of the prosecution cases cleared by the RLC, Dhanbad and pending with different courts of Dhanbad and since when they have been pending as on 1st July, 1992; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of bonded labour

3208. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bonded labour freed and their debt liquidated during the Seventh Five Year Plan particularly in 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) how many bonded labourers have been rehabilitated and in what manner;

(c) whether the Central Government have issued comprehensive guidelines to the States for preparing village level schemes for rehabilitation of bonded labours and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what has been the response of State Governments in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) During the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1989-90) a total number of 53,530 bonded labourers were identified and freed. The number of bonded labour identified and freed during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92, are 9,972 and 846 respectively. So far as liquidation of debts is concerned the Act provides that every obligation of a bonded labour to repay any bonded debt shall be deemed to have been extinguished However, the figure of the debt so liquidated is not maintained.

(b) to (d) During the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985—90), 81,142 bonded labourers were rehabilitated. The number of bonded labourers rehabilitated during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92, are 2,679 and 1,824 respectively. The Central Government have issued comprehensive guidelines to the State Governments for preparing village level schemes for rehabilitation of bonded labourers. The State Governments are implementing the Scheme and bonded labourers are being rehabilitated under land based, non-land based and skill craft based schemes according to the preference of the bonded labourers. A copy of the guidelines is annexed as statement.

Statement

Centrally sponsored scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour 1978-79 (A) Guidelines for preparation of scheme by the State Government, and (B) for regulato the States/Union Territories under the Schemes.

(A) *Guidelines for preparing scheme for the rehabilitation of Bonded Labour.*

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There should be a short description of physical and socio-economic conditions including tenural conditions wage level and cash composition of areas where the bonded labour have been identified and released.

Name, Place of residence, village, Mohalla, Thana, Taluk, District, person under whom they were bonded, date of identification/release and short write-up on the asset endowment of the released bonded labourer may be given in a statement form (Appendix) attached to every rehabilitation scheme. This information will be necessary for the evaluating teams to identify the beneficiaries when they go for appraisal of the rehabilitation schemes.

Details of the immediate minimum relief necessary, person-wise/family-wise for each released bonded labourer should be given. Nature and the kind of relief should be mentioned, possibility of repeating relief dose in a diminished way in future should also be indicated. Administrative support to prevent lapsing back into bondage should be mentioned.

II. REHABILITATION SCHEME

(a) *LAND BASED*:

(i) Identification of land—Government land/cealing surplus land;

(ii) Allotment perferably in the village where the bonded labour ordinarily resides or is liberated to prevent parting from the social milean of prevent antagonism from other villages;

(iii) Identification of the delivery system of inputs-credit facilities, seeds, water supply, agricultural implements, draught, animals, fertilizers;

(iv) Need, if any of reclamation and development of the assigned land.

(b) Non-Land

(i) Much cattle, cows, buffaloes—suitable for the area;

(ii) Pigs, goats, sheep dependent upon the social sensibilities of the bonded labour released and the Physical environment;

(iii) Ensure minimum verterinary cover from the existing/extension of veterinary services;

(iv) Institutional linking up for marketing.

(c) *SKILL/CRAFT BASED OCCUPATIONS*:...

(i) Identification of skill/craft;

(ii) Supply of raw materials, implements, working capital, workshed;

(iii) Linking with market through cooperative or other State-aided institutions to eliminate exploitation by private middlemen;

Detailed financial implication in respect of each of the item mentioned in paragraph 4 in the three alternative schemes in form of a statement-names of the bene-

ficiaries and allotments should be clearly shown in order to enable the evaluation team to carry out further follow-up action.

III. SELECTION OF AREA

The rehabilitation schemes, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, with matching grant from the concerned State Governments, may initially be drawn for areas where there is concentration of bondnd labour and which would have been left out otherwise under various approved Plan Schemes or where these Plan Schemes are inadequate for providing rehabilitation to the released bonded labour.

(B) *Guidelines for Regulating Grant of Central Financial Assistance to the States*

The Schemes of rehabilitation received *under the Scheme*
from the State Governments for availaing of financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme shall conform to the 'Guide-lines' drawn for the purpose and shall be formulated for areas where either there is no on-going scheme or where there are any, these are inadequate to take care of the rehabilitation of the released bonded labour in that area.

The Schemes received from the State Governments shall be examined, scrutinised and approved by a Committee of Officers at the Centre, having representatives from the Ministry of Labour, Department of Rural Development and the Planning Commission. The Committee shall also specify the amount of Centre's Share in respect of each Scheme approved by it. The Committee may visit the area of the Scheme being implemented with Centre's assistance so as to have a midterm review of the progress of implementation of the Schemes.

The Schemes approved for Central Assistance would be financed on a matching grant basis, i.e. 50 per cent by the States and 50 per cent by the Centre of the total outlay of the approved Scheme. The over-head cost on providing the execution machinery for the Scheme shall be borne by the State Government. The execution machinery responsible for the implementation of the Scheme shall be stipulated in the Scheme by the State Government.

Twenty-five per cent (25 per cent) of the Centre's share in respect of each Scheme shall be released immediately after the approval of the Scheme. The balance of Centre's share shall be released in 3 equal instalments in August, 1978; November 1978 and February, 1979.

The States shall be responsible for the submission of quarterly progress reports on the prescribed proforma (will follow) on the implementation of the Scheme alongwith a detailed account of item-wise expenditure during the proceding quarter. For this purpose the States shall nominate a Liaison Officer, in respect of each Scheme, who shall be responsible for the submission of these reports in time.

The Scheme drawn would be such as would be capable of implementation and completion by March, 1979.

The State Governments shall be responsible for submission, within three months of the expiry of the financial year 1978-79, an audited account of the expenditure in respect of each of the rehabilitation Scheme financed with Central Assistance. It shall be the responsibility of the State Governments, to decide the form and procedure to keep proper accounts and to get them audited in time.

APPENDIX

I. Details of the Scheme No.....

1. District.....
2. Name of village(s) covered under the Scheme.....
3. Agency responsible for execution of the Scheme.....
4. Total No. of Bonded Labour in the village(s)

Identified	Released	Needing rehabilitation

II. Particulars of Bonded Labour Family Proposed to be Rehabilitated under the scheme

Sl. No.	Name, father's name, age, Sex, community/ caste/tribe of the bonded labour	Name of the Bonded Labour Keeper/Landlord and reported period of bondage under him	Endowments of the bonded labour, viz. education, skill, live-stock, poultry, house, cultivable land, etc.	Rehabilitation assistance already provided	Rehabilitation measures/ assistance proposed to be provided under the present Scheme.
1	2	3	4	5	6